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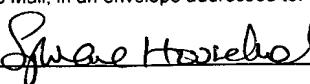
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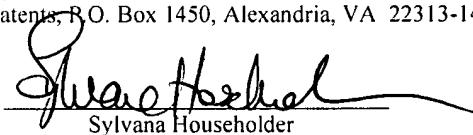
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Plaetinck, et al.  
Serial No.: 10/826,522  
Conf. No.: 2890  
Filed: April 16, 2004  
For: CHARACTERISATION OF GENE FUNCTION USING DOUBLE STRANDED RNA INHIBITION

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed September 14, 2006, Applicant hereby elects Group I, 30-41, drawn to a micro-organism comprising a vector that produces a double stranded RNA molecule, for continued examination, without traverse.

Applicant hereby requests that the process claims of Group II be rejoined upon allowance of Group I claims in accordance with MPEP § 821.04.

Applicant further expressly reserves the right to file one or more continuing applications on the subject matter of the non-elected claims or other subject matter disclosed in the application.

Respectfully submitted,  
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